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SUBJECT: SCREENING OF SOVIET COURIERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

REF: (A) MOSCOW 13495; (B) STATE 195914

1. PARA 5 REF A INDICATES REZNICHENKO AND MFA BELIEVE SOVIET COURIERS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO X-RAY AT SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT. SOVIET COURIERS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO WALK THROUGH ELECTRONIC SCREENING PORTAL, I.E., A METAL DETECTOR, BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN X-RAYED. WHILE PERSONAL ACCESSORIES OTHER THAN POUCHES MAY HAVE BEEN RUN THROUGH X-RAY MACHINE, COURIER (OR ANY OTHER TRAVELER) WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO X-RAYS.

2. PLEASE CLARIFY ON-THE-RECORD WITH MFA. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MFA UNDERSTAND THIS DISTINCTION IN EVENT SOVIET GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO RECIPROCATATE FOR SAN FRANCISCO TREATMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND IN FULL TO REF A AT LATER DATE.

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